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SUBJECT : MINUTES OF MILOBS OPS CONFERENCE HELD AT
MILOB GP HQ (KIGALI) ON 3RD DECEMBER 1994

1. Attached please find copy of mentioned Minutes.
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Pls review to determine if there are any points that we should note or action.

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MINUTES OF MILOBS OPS CONFERENCE HELD AT
MILOB GP HQ (KIGALI) ON 3RD DECEMBER 1993

PRESENT:	BRIG	H K	ANYIDOHO	-	DFC/CMO - CHAIRMAN
	COL	U	MOEEN	-	DCMO
	COL	C B	YAACHE	-	CHAO
	COL	S O	DIARRA	-	CIVPOL
	LT	P K	NYAAKU	-	SLOGO
	LT COL	K	OPONG-KYEKEYEKU	-	SMPO
	LT COL	S	ILIYA	-	SOO
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	LT COL	A	ANOCHKINE	-	SDO 1
	LT COL	W	PURTSCHER	-	COMD SECT 1
	LT COL	R	GORG	-	COMD SECT 2
	LT COL	B K	GBORGLI H	-	COMD SECT 3
	LT SOL	S A	HASNAI	-	INCOMING COMD SECT 3
	LT COL	S	DOUNKO	-	COMD SECT 4A
	LT COL	E C	QUIST	-	COMD SECT 4B
	LT COL	A M	AUSTDA	-	COMD SECT 5
	LT COL	R	MUSTAFA Z	-	SOMD SECT 6
	MAJ	B	KONE	-	A/COMD SECT 4C
	MAJ	H	OUESLATI	-	SECT 1
	CAPT	T	ACHEAMPONG	-	SIG OFFR
	CAPT	W	BLEBOO	-	SECRETARY

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1. The DCMO gave a short welcome address and said the DFC/CMO would join the Conference after an appointment at the FHQ.
2. The Conference began at 0830hrs.

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ITEM 1 - REVIEW OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

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3. MSA. The DCMO said he went to NAIROBI to with the necessary documents to solve the problem. He said everything went well and the problem with accommodation was resolved. He gave the assurance that every MILOB would get refund of MSA deducted.

4. CTO/LEAVE. The DCMO said monies deducted for CTO/Leave had also been adjusted and refunds would be effected with effect from November.

5. REPATRIATION. On Travel Claims for Repatriation, the DCMO said according to finance procedures, these claims were normally paid after the journey had been made. He said after a long discussion it was agreed that travel allowances would be paid before departure of MILOBs being repatriated. He added that MILOBs who were repatriated were paid their travel allowances.

6. SECT HQs. As decided during the previous Conference, all Sector HQs would be collocated with formed troops HQs. The DCMO said that Sectors 2 and 3 would maintain their HQs.

7. FORMED TROOPS. It was reemphasized that Formed Troops were not under the command of MILOBs but under operational control only.

8. ESCORT BY FORMED TROOPS. After a long deliberation, it was agreed that formed troops would undertake tasks of escorting Brown and Roots convoys. The DCMO said the final decision as to who should escort Brown and Roots convoy would be taken by the Sect Comd on the ground.

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9. CHAIN OF CMD. The CMO expressed dissatisfaction about the manner in which Sectors were corresponding directly to FHQ. He said this was an indication that there was no need for MILOB GP HQ. He pointed out that the idea of integrating MILOB GP HQ was drawn out of the this acts of direct correspondence between some Sectors and FHQ. He warned that if this was not ceased a confused situation could be created. He directed that mails going to FHQ must necessarily pass through MILOB GP HQ.

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b. RPA. The Sect Comd said the RPA coopera-ACTION BY
ted well with MILOBs within the period. Their
deployment had not changed in the Sector and the
GAIBIRO GUEST HOUSE continued to be used as a
Military Training Camp for new recruits.

c. Own Activities. The Sect Comd said MILOBs
carried out short and long distance patrols thro-
ughout the Sector. He said observations made
during the patrols include low activities in
schools due to shortage of book, furniture and
other equipment. He said UNESCO carried out a
survey and promised to supply the required items.
He mentioned that farming activities have were
going on and families were rehabilitating their
homes. The patrols observed that the Tea Factory at
KINIHIRA was being renovated and local workers
hinted that the factory would open soon.

d. Mines and Unexploded Devices. The Sect
Comd said presence of unexploded ordinance devices
remained a serious hazard in some parts of the
Sector. He said children and farmers were vulner-
able and many mines accidents occurred in the
Sector some in the past month. He added that those
which were identified were removed.

e. Bridges. The Sector Comd said the main brid-
ges in the Sector were in good condition. He said
the wooden bridge at GATUNA was replaced with a
Bailey bridge by the BRITCON ENGRS.

f. Humanitarian Activities. The Sect Comd
said there were no refugees camps in the Sector.

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However, there were transit camps for returnees created by NGOs at TABAGWE, RUKOMO, MUVUMBA and GATUZA. He said UNHCR was operating a reception centre at NYAGATARE and TABAGWE for returnees who were later handed over to local authorities.

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g. Logistics. The Sect Comd said there was urgent need for vehicles in order to sustain the momentum of operations in the Sector. He said two vehs were under repairs and maintenance.

12. DCMO's Response. The DCMO tasked the Sect Comd to make the necessary contacts for the deployment of MILOBs at NYAGATARE. On movement of returnees from the borders into the country, the CHAO said if NICOY could continue conveying them without problem they should go ahead. However if they needed assistance, HAC was ready to take up the task. CMO said UNHCR had the responsibility to move returnees but their mode of operation was rather sluggish. He advised that UNHCR could be contacted to provide a number of buses from their fleet.

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13. SECT 2

a. Gen Sit. The situation in the Sector was reported calm and relationship with locals also improved during the period.

b. RPA. The Sect Comd said RPA had one coy deployed at NYARUBUYE. He said 12 persons were reported killed North of KIBUNGO. Investigation conducted by Sector MILOBs revealed that RPA assisted civilians to kill people they suspected to be former INTERAHAMWE.

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c. Humanitarian Activities. The Sect Comd ACTION BY

said he had requested for DIESEL for the local authorities to pump water to the towns but his request was not met. He said this had adversely affected the confidence of local authorities in UNAMIR. On the movement of refugees, he said there was a marked increase in the influx of returnees into the Sector. He said thousands of returnees from refugees camps in Tanzania crossed the Akagera River at 5 crossing points North-east of RUSUMO into Rwanda in the past two weeks. He said the reason was for this mass movement was the deteriorating conditions in refugee camps in Tanzania.

This is what
we have been
telling the
NAO in Rwanda
for the attention
Lt-Col MATHAKI

d. Own Activities. Sector MILOBs carried out patrols, border monitoring, investigation and recce missions during the period. The Sect Comd said due to repatriation, MILOBs strength had reduced. He asked for additional MILOBs to augment present strength.

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e. Logistics. The Sect Comd said there were still problems of accommodation and office furniture. He requested for assistance to acquire office accommodation and furniture.

SLOGO

13. CMO's Response. On request for diesel for the local authority to pump water to the communes, the CMO said UNAMIR had been requested to see which of its resources could be used to assist the locals. He pointed out that UNAMIR resources were not enough to go round but Sect Comds should use their initiative and offer some level of assistance to the locals in the Sector.

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where possible. On replacement of MILOBs being repatriated, the DCMO said more MILOBs were leaving the AO than the replacements. He said MILOBs strength problem would remain for some time.

14. SECT 3

a. Gen Sit. The Sect Comd said the situation had changed from tense to very calm. He attributed the change to the visits paid to the Sector by the President and the Vice President. He added that the expanded deployment of MALICOY and MALAWICOY also contributed to the calm situation. He said by expanding their deployment, MALICOY and MALAWICOY were showing UNAMIR presence in the communes.

b. RPA. The Sect Comd said RPA deployment had not changed during the period. He said the RPA, being aware that some locals had taken refuge in UNAMIR camps and that MILOBs were aware of their acts, had toned down on their activities.

c. Humanitarian Affairs. The Sect Comd said electricity and water has now reached most parts of the Prefecture. He said efforts were being made to re-open the Post Office at GITARAMA. He added that payment of salaries to teachers and civil servants were also going on smoothly.

d. Logistics. The Sect Comd said 3 of the Sector's 9 vehicles were at the workshop. He requested for additional vehicles to enhance effective patrolling. On accommodation, he said the owner of the house which was being used as MILOBs Office at BUTARE wanted the house back. He said 3 build-

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ing were being used by MILOBs, CIVPOL and formed ACTION BY
troops at RUHANGO. He mentioned that the contracts
for the 3 buildings had not yet been finalized.

15. CMO's Response. The CMO said accommodation was
still a problem and UNAMIR used taking a long time to
sign contracts. He said if the building could be acqui- SECT
red for office accommodation, the civilian admin could COMDS
be made to act quickly on finalizing the contracts. SLOGO
On maintenance of vehicles, the CMO said MILOBs did not
keep to servicing schedules. He advised that servicing SECT
schedules should be maintained to keep the vehicles in COMDS
better conditions.

16. SECT 4A

a. Gen Sec. The Sect Comd said although the
evacuation of displaced persons had increased,
more displaced persons had now arrived in Camps
in the Sector. He said this was due to the deter-
iorating security situation in adjacent prefect-
ures. He pointed out that presence of former
INTERAHAMWE in camps was a serious treat to secu-
rity in the camps. He said he was glad FHQ had
initiated action to deal with the problem. FHQ

b. RPA. RPA rotation was completed and
MILOBs maintained good relationship through liaison
with them. The Sect Comd said the indiscipline of
RPA troops was the main factor for the insecurity
in the Sector.

c. Own Activities. Sector MILOBs carried out
patrols, route recce, escort tasks, border moni-
toring, investigations and assistance and evacuat-

*For discussion
with RPA
during next
meeting with
principal
staff officers.*

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ion of displaced persons during the period. The	<u>ACTION BY</u>
Sect Comd said the Sector launched OP RUBY at	
RUNYOMBYI to cover the Borders and the Southern	
parts of the ^{Sector} with extensive patrolling. He said	SECT 4A
co-ordination of escort tasks between the Sectors	
went on well.	

d. <u>Logistics.</u> The Sect Comd said the Sector	
took delivery of a rack and file cabinet. He said	
request for spare tyres had not yet been met. He	
lamented that 4 of the Sector vehs that required	
replacement of parts were still at the workshop.	SLOGO
He requested for additional vehicles, office equip-	
ment, spare tyres and tools kit for the vehicle.	SLOGO

17. SECT 4B

a. Gen Sit. The Sect Comd said the past three ?
had been quite calm but a shoot out ensued in the
RPA Camp at KIBUYE on 27 Nov 94. He said the
shooting lasted for about one hour. This adverse
affected the morale the troops in the camp and
created tension in their ranks.

b. RPA. The [^]treat in the Sector remained
unchanged. RPA troops continued their foot and
mobile patrols during the period. The Sect Comd
said RPA recruit training in KIBUYE continued and
there were about 300 recruits in the camp. He con-
tinued that several arrests were made during the
period. The Sect Comd elaborated on the shooting
incident in RPA Camp at KIBUYE and said it was
almost a mutiny. He said a group of RPA Hutu sold-
iers attacked the residence of the Bn 2IC to kill
him. He said one of the attackers was killed and

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4 others arrested. He added that the whereabouts of the 4 was not known since RPA refused to give information on the incident.

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c. Political. The Sect Comd said a new Prefect had assumed office on 8 Nov 94 and organized a two-week seminar for all the Bourgemestres and Sous Prefects in the Prefecture. He said the new Prefect had also toured the Prefecture. The Sect Comd said UNAMIR Political Adviser also visited the Sector and held discussions with the Prefect.

d. Local Population. The Sect Comd said the local population was apprehensive of RPA due to the latter's activities. He ^{said?} the locals refused to talk to MILOB patrols at KIBUYE and ISOVU for fear of possible reprisal action by the RPA.

e. Operations. The Sect Comd said MILOBs carried out patrols, escorts and conducted investigations during the period. He said heavy rains rendered most roads in the Sector unmotorable and added that one helicopter patrol was conducted. He requested that hel be made available on call.

f. Armed Troops Activities. The Sect Comd said armed troops patrolled their AOR. He mentioned that RPA denied them access to NYAMINAGA and KIVUMU. FRAFBATT handed over a quantity of weapons to the new Prefect and local Bn 21C on 16 Nov 94.

g. Humanitarian Matters. The Sect Comd said there were about 4,000 displaced persons in the KIBUYE Prefecture. He said 2,500 were in

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NYAMISHABA Camp near KIBUYE. He said UNHCR was co-ordinating their evacuation to KIGALI. He said 40 orphans were also evacuated to GITARAMA.

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h. NGOs Activities. The new Prefect met reps of all NGO in the Sect and appealed to ^{them} for assistance to furnish and reactivate the office of the local administration. He said distribution of food and other aid items continued in the Sector during the period.

i. Problems. The Sect Comd said the 20km road from GITARAMA to KIBUYE needed immediate attention. He said the Sector was without office accommodation because the RPA was not co-operating in the acquisition of accommodation. He elaborated on veh problems the Sector faced and said if nothing was done about this it would be impossible to withdraw MILOBs from the Sector at short notice.

18. CMO's Response. The CM said the issue of the road was noted. He said there were hopes that the Indian contingent would bring engineer equipment to undertake road rehabilitation. He urged the Sect Comd to be monitoring the situation with the RPA closely and feed the HQ with necessary information when required.

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SECT 4B

19. SECT 4C

a. Gen Sit. The Sector was reported calm. He said the influx of about 5,000 refugees who fled the disturbances in the CIBITOKI Province in Burundi could adversely affect the security situation in the Sector.

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tract submitted to MILOB GP HQ. He said payment of ACTION BY
the rent was expected soon. SLOGO

20. SECT 5

a. Gen Sit. The Sector was relatively calm but the borders remained closed to UNAMIR personnel. The Sect Comd said the Zairian authorities said UNAMIR had no mandate in Zaire hence borders would remain closed.

b. Humanitarian. The Sect Comd ^{Lead} since Britcon left, it became very difficult ^{he} get trucks to move displaced persons. He said Tunbatt would not be able to complete this task. He said IOM would be assisting in movement of DPs and WFP was pursuing its Food For Work (FFW) programme. He said returnees were increasing in the Sector. He mentioned that benevolent organizations such as Jehovah Witnesses evacuated about 800 of them into the country.

c. Own Activities. Routine patrols were carried out and investigations into cases reported were also in progress. The Sect Comd said night patrols were being conducted in the RUHENGARI area and the Southern part of the Sector was covered by day patrols. He said the number of criminals expelled from Zaire could be more than the 37 officially reported. He said during the barge operation, vehicles and the barge were held by RPA for about 24hrs.

d. RPA. The Sect Comd said relationship the RPA was still good. The RPA Bde Comd and the

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UNHCR Horn
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Bn Comd were both involved in the Military Tribunals. He said this makes them always moving to and from KIGALI. As a result they were most of the time not available in the Prefecture. ACTION BY

e. Logistics. The Sect Comd said vehicles continue to deteriorate fast due to the bad roads in the Sector. He said the Sector now has 2 interpreters to be deployed at GISENYI and RUHENGARI. He said the contracts for office accommodation for GISENYI and RUHENGARI were still yet to be finalised. He said communication with the sub-sector was not good and requested that the mast be raised a bit higher than it was. SIG OFFR

21. CMO's Response. The CMO said it was necessary to get the letter for the Barge operation to be streamlined. He said this would pave the way for better barge operation and foster better working relationship between MILOBs and the RPA in the Sector. The DCMO talked about the communication problem between GISENYI and RUHENGARI and advised that the mast could be mounted on top of a tree.

22. SECT 6

a. Gen Sit. The Sector was calm and there was serious threat during the period.

b. RPA. The Sect Comd said the RPA carried out morning training, patrolled ~~and~~ the city and mounted snap road blocks on principal streets. He said the level of discipline among the troops was not good enough.

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c. Local Population. People outside KIGALI | ACTION BY
complained of lack of NGO activities in the commu-
nes. He said the city now accommodate too many
people and the people complained of accommodation
and food. He said although all the NGOs operating
Rwanda had their Headquarters in the capital,
their activities did not cover the capital.

d. MILOBS Ops. The Sect Comd said MILOBS
escorted displaced persons to destinations outside
KIGALI. He said 23 missions were carried out and
a total of 43,000 DPs were evacuated. He mentioned
that MILOBS had the problem of not meeting offici-
als responsible for the DPs at the dispersal point
during week-ends.

23. CMO's Response. The CMO said NGOs had their
own schedule of work and it appeared they did not work
on week-ends. He said this problem would be sorted out
in due course. The CHAO highlighted on the problems of
NGOs and said IOM and UNHCR reps were to be at the
centres. He said the reps were to be responsible for
the displaced persons and direct where they should be
dropped. The CMO said some of the DPs did not know
where they were going so the escorts wait for the reps
of UNHCR before starting their journey.

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ITEM 2 - STAFF BRIEFS

24. SOO. The A/SOO pointed out certain problems
with submission of SITREP. He highlighted on References
to previous SITREPs and advised that details of the
references should be quoted clearly. He touched on
channel of communication and said all mails from the

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Sector should be addressed to MILOB GP HQ. On Consolidated Reports on MILOBs activities in the Sectors, he said the reports should be submitted in three parts because of time limitation. The A/SOO elaborated on Helicopter recce and procedure for requests. He said the requests should be directed to MILOB GP HQ for co-ordination and follow-up action.	<u>ACTION BY</u>
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25. <u>SIGS OFFICER</u> . The Signals Officer said all Sector Radios were working well except Sector 2 which had the problem of darkness and rainy weather because of the use of Solar powered batteries. He mentioned that there were problems of voice procedure with the CIVPOL who also operate on MILOB channel. He said Canadian Sigs were still at post and could still be of help in transmitting long messages. He said satellite dishes were mounted at GITARAMA, GIKONGORO, CYANGUGU, KIBUYI and BYUMBA. He talked about welfare telephone facility and said if Sect Comds could take the responsibility this could be made available for MILOBs. He said a number of photocopies were received but all were not yet serviceable. He said when repairs on them were completed, they would be distributed.	
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26. <u>SLOGO</u> . The SLOGO said out of 80 vehicles on charge to the HQ, 68 were serviceable. 8 were involved in accidents and 4 lacked spare parts. He entreated all to take good care of the vehicles and be extra careful when driving. He said vehicle maintenance schedules should be adhered to because if this was not done, vehicles would be delayed at the workshop. On equipment to be returned to the HQ, the SLOGO said these should be tended in on 07 Dec instead of 15 Dec. He said a number tablet chairs had been issued to the	
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HQ and asked Sect Comds to make arrangements to collect them. On stationery, the SLOGO said as soon as some were received, sectors would be informed to collect their share. ACTION BY

27. SMPO. The SMPO said the Finance Office had warned that individual explanation on MSA discrepancies was no longer acceptable to them though such shortfalls might exist. Affected persons were therefore to send their queries to MILOB HQ in time for necessary action to be taken. He said a total of 107 MILOBS would be repatriated by end of Dec but not the same number were due in to replace those going. He said postings have to be effected immediately for certain appointments to be filled. Some people may be called from the sectors to take up certain appointments. SI O

On CTO/Leave, the SMPO said problems still existed. He said the Admin Instrs Feb 94 (Guidelines for Contributing Countries) stated that leave must be earned. Leave at home cannot be taken at UN expense. The regulation stated that the UN cannot pay travel expenses and not that MSA would be forfeited. CTO could also not be accumulated and must be earned. He said the implications were not that MILOBS should take CTO after staying in the mission area for 30 days. They must have worked continuously for 30 days to earn it. The SMPO said a letter had already been sent on Repatriation Procedures. He said 6 days permitted MILOBS before repatriation was an administrative measure to enable proper clearance to be carried out. If MILOB had no leave balance, he should not be granted CTO for the last 36 days. On traffic offences, the SMPO asked all to keep within regulations to avoid getting embarrassed

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28. S PLANS/TRG OFFER. The S PLANS/TRG Officer said ACTION BY some Duty Officers' could not work well in the sectors. He advised Sect Comds to put appropriate officers in position to keep the work going. He said there was the need to review the current rotation system. On dissemination of information, he said Sect Comds should make use of facilities at their disposal to pass on information to MILOBs. He elaborated on the security alarm system and said this should be read in conjunction with MILOBs instructions. The S Plans O highlighted the importance of MILOB Sector Consolidated Report for the SRSG. He said due to time factor, the report should be broken down into three part. He said the first part should be ready by Tue, the second part on Tue the following and the last parts later.

29. HAC. The Chief Humanitarian Assistance Officer (CHAO) said humanitarian activities now required local initiative. He pointed out that NGOs were difficult to work with and would never want to co-operate with MILOBs. He urged Sect Comds to make use of resources and facilities in Sectors and get the work going on at the local level.

30. CIVPOL. The Commissioner mentioned that the CIVPOL office had been moved from the former place to a new location near MILOB GP HQ. He said he had problems with language. He added that some CIVPOL would be deployed at CYANGUGU and KIBUYE. He urged Sect Comds to SECT COMDS deploy them alongside the MILOBs and also for police duties and investigations.

31. Summary of Decisions

- a. No MILOB would be allowed to send any vehicle

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whilst on CTO/Leave. Sect Comds should leave their vehicles in the Sector when proceeding on CTO	<u>ACTION BY</u>
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b. Sect Comds should train new MILOBs on driving and vehicle procedure. Those who did not have the training should not be permitted to drive.	SECT
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c. In-coming Sect Comds should be with MILOB Teams for at least 2 weeks before taking over command.	SECT
	COMDS
d. Sect Comds should inform MILOB GP HQ before leaving their Sectors for KIGALI.	SECT
	COMDS
e. Sect Comds should request for UNAMIR helicopter whenever they needed it with reasons clearly stated.	
	COMDS
f. Out-going Sect Comds should ensure hand-over was properly done before appearing on CMO's interview.	OUT-GOING
	SECT
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g. Personal file should be kept at MILOB GP HQ for every MILOB.	SMPO
h. Sect Comds should hold routine meetings with RPA local commanders. Minutes of meetings should be forwarded to the MILOB GP HQ.	SECT

CONCLUSION

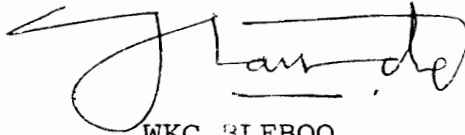
32. The CMO took the opportunity to bid out-going

Sect Comds and MILOBs farewell. He commented on the efforts departing MILOBs put in as individuals and as

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a group in the most trying moments of the mission and ACTION BY
expressed his appreciation for their dedication to duty |
for the course of peace. He thanked all present and |
urged MILOBs to maintain the momentum of the work. |

33. The Conference ended at 1328hrs. |



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UNAMIR - MINUAR

MILOB GP HQ

TO : FHQ (OPS)

Date : 17 Dec 94

FROM : MILOB GP HQ

Ref : 6464.0 /OPS

SUBJECT : INFO REPORT AS AT 151800B DEC 94 (SECT 4C HQ CYANGUGU)

1. Attached please find mentioned report from MILOB Sector 4C.
2. Accept for your perusal and further action.
3. Please acknowledge receipt.

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FROM MILOBS SECTOR 4C CYANGUGU//

TO UNAMIR HQ KIGALI//G2//
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SUBJ: INFORMATION REPORT AS AT 151800 HRS DEC 94

1. DURING PATROLS TO THE RWESERO SUB-PREFECTURE ON 13-14 DEC, BUGARAMA AREA 15 DEC 94, A CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF INFO HAS BEEN GATHERED ON RPA POLICY, THIER PERCEIVED THREAT, IDENTITY OF LOCAL COMMAND STRUCTURE, DETENTION CENTER LOCATIONS, ETC.
2. INFO ON RECENT INCIDENTS WAS MADE AVAILABLE, BUT LIKE MOST INFO, IT IS CIRCULATED IN A VAGUE CIRCLE BETWEEN COMMUNE OFFICIALS, LOCALS, RPA, MILOBS AND THE OCCASIONAL NGO. SOMETIMES TWO APPARENT INCIDENTS ARE ACTUALLY THE SAME, DATES ARE CONFUSED, AND THE SOURCE OF SOME INFO IS FOUND TO OFTEN ORIGINATE FROM THE RPA TO THE OFFICIALS OF THE PREFECTURE. LACK OF VEH AND LANGUAGE BARRIERS OF COURSE COMPOUND THE SPEED AND ACCURACY OF THE INFO. PARTICULAR INCIDENTS ARE GENERALIZED IN DAILY SITREPS AND WHENEVER PRACTICAL, ARE DETAILED IN SEPARATE REPORTS. THIS REPORT WILL THEREFORE ONLY CONCENTRATE ON ITEMS LEARNED DURING THE VARIOIUS CONTACTS MADE 13 TO 15 DEC.
3. ON 13 DEC THE PREFET OF CYANGUGU HELD A SPECIAL MEETING WITH CIVIL AND RPA OFFICIALS AT THE SUB-PREFECTURE OFFICE IN RWESERO. A MAIN TOPIC OF HIS FIRST VISIT TO THIS AREA AS PREFET WAS TO SYMPATHISE WITH THE LOCAL SECURITY SIT AND MAKE SOME PROPOSALS FOR DISCUSSION ON ITS IMPROVEMENT. THIS INCLUDED HAVING LOCALS ACCOMPANY RPA PATROLS, WHICH RECV A VERY MIXED REACTION. THE PREFET IS ACTIVE IN IDENTIFYING INCIDENTS, OFFERING A THUS FAR OBJECTIVE ACCOUNT, PROPOSALS, AND ASSISTANCE TO MILOBS AND UN HIGH COMMISSION OF HUMAN RIGHTS (UNHCHR). THIS IS NOT ALWAYS TO THE APPEASEMENT OF THE RPA. AFTER THE MEETING AT RWESERO, THE RPA HAD AN IMPROMPTU CLOSED DOOR MEETING WITH THE PREFET, WHERE IT WAS SUSPECTED THAT THE RPA PUT FORWARD THEIR REQ FOR RESTRAINT ON THE INIATIVE AND IDEAS OF THE PREFET. THE PREFET IS CONFIRMED TO HAVE MADE IT CLEAR THAT AS LONG AS HE IS PREFET, HE INTENDS TO DO THE JOB IN THE MOST COMPETENT AND UNBIASED WAY POSSIBLE.
4. LOCALS IN THE COMMUNES OF KAMEMBE, GAFUNZO, KAGANO AND KIRAMBO ARE NERVOUS AND MANY SLEEP IN THE FIELDS DURING DARKNESS. STRANGELY, THE INCIDENTS HAVE OCCURRED CHRONOLOGICALLY FROM WEST TO EAST AND PRIMARILY ALONG THE NORTHERN (LAKESHORE) AREAS OF THESE COMMUNES. THIS DOES NOT COINCIDE WITH ANY KNOWN MOVT/ROTATION OF RPA, HOWEVER IT IS NOT CONFIRMED. THE ONLY CFM ROTATION IS OF THE PLATOONS IN TOWN OF CYANGUGU ITSELF WHICH OCCUR APPROX EVERY 14 DAYS. IF DEEMED VALID, AND NOT A COINCEDENCE, IT MAY BE A FACTOR IN LENDING CREDIBILITY TO SOME RPA ACCOUNTS OF ORGANIZED INSURGENT ACTIVITY, PERHAPS MOVING IN AN EASTWARD DIRECTION. IT COULD BE NOTED HERE THAT ON AT LEAST TWO OCCASIONS SOME COUNCIL LEADERS HAVE

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BEEN WITNESSES OR VICTIMS IN SOME CRIMINAL ACTIVITY IN THE KAGANO AREA. AN IMPORTANT PIECE OF INFO TO BE YET DETERMINED IS SOME BASIC PERS DATA ON THE LDRS AND HOW AND BY WHOM WERE THEY APPOINTED. THIS MAY ASSIST IN DETERMINING MOTIVE, AND THEREFORE A SUSPECTED GP.

5. IT HAS BEEN CONFIRMED THAT THE RPA IN CYANGUGU ARE DEPLOYED IN WHAT IS BEST IDENT AS TWO COY GPS. THE NAMES/NUMBERS OF THE GPS AND THEIR INHERENT PARTS ARE NOT CFM. THE EASTERN GP IS COMMANDED BY MAJ GEORGE KALINDI AND SEEMS TO RELY PRIMARILY ON LT ELIPHAZ MIHIGO AS HIS SECONDARY. COMMUNES UNDER KALINDI'S CONTROL ARE KAGANO, KIRAMBO AND GATARE, WITH HIS HQ/RESIDENCE LOC IN KIRAMBO (GR 035 432). ACCESSIBILITY IS LTD AND DIFFICULT, AND IS LOC ON A HILL WITH EXCELLENT OBSN OF THE BAY AND THE MAIN ROAD TO KIBUYE. LT MIHIGO IS POSITIONED IN THE KAGANO COMMUNE, AND IS NORMALLY NEAR TO THE COMMUNE OFFICE. THE WESTERN GP HAS THE REMAINING COMMUNES, BUT IS CONCENTRATED MOSTLY ALONG THE LAKE AND NOT TOO FAR INLAND ALONG THE RUZIZI RIVER. IT IS COMMANDED BY MAJ WILSON KAZUNGA (DEPL FROM BUTARE); HOWEVER, HE HAS BEEN MOSTLY ON A LENGTHY TASK IN THE GISENYI AREA. MAJ PAUL IS IN CHARGE OF BOTH GPS, AND TEMPORARILY IN CHARGE OF MAJ KAZUNGA'S GP. ALTHOUGH THE GENDARME IS SEPARATE, IT IS BELIEVED TO REPORT DIRECTLY TO MAJ PAUL, AND IS NOW COMMANDED BY A CAPT RUSIGIRA. THE PECKING ORDER IS MAJ PAUL, MAJ KAZUNGA SECOND, AND MAJ KALINDI THIRD. IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT MAJ PAUL MAY BE THE SECOND IN COMMAND OF LCOL IBINGIRA'S BRIGADE. DURING AN UNPLANNED MEETING WITH AN RPA COMD, IT WAS OBSERVED THAT THE VEH RADIO WAS TUNED TO A SEPARATE FREQ THAN THE HAND HELD PORTABLE, AND THAT THE VEH FREQ EMITTED A BRIEF CONVERSATION IN FRENCH, BEFORE BEING QUICKLY SHUT OFF.

6. WHEN REPORTS OF INSURGENT ACTIVITY ARE HEARD, THE TERM RGF, NOT INTERAHAMWE, IS MORE AND MORE THE COMMON CHOICE TO BE USED. RPA COMDS ADMIT THAT TO THEM, BOTH ARE NOW CONSIDERED THE SAME AND THE TERMS ARE ACTUALLY INTERCHANGABLE. THEY CLAIM THAT INSURGENT ACTIVITIES HAVE INCREASED SINCE THE IDP CAMPS HAVE BEEN CLOSED AND SINCE RUMOURS WERE REPORTED OF RGF RAID PLANS BEFORE THE NEW YEAR INTO CYANGUGU AREA. RPA HAVE CLAIMED TO HAVE CAPTURED SOME OF THESE SUSPECTS, AND ALLEGE THAT BEFORE AND DURING THE FRENCH OCCUPATION OF THE HPZ, UNIFORMS AND WPNS WERE CACHED, USUALLY WITH RELATIVES. IT SHOULD BE NOTED HERE THAT IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT EACH COMMUNE HAS A DETENTION CENTRE. IN THE CASE OF THE EASTERN COY GP, ANYONE ACCUSED OF GENOCIDE INVOLVEMENT IS TAKEN DIRECTLY TO DETENTION AREA IN KIRAMBO, AND KIRAMBO ONLY. THE RPA REITERATE THAT FIVE OF THEIR SOLDIERS HAVE BEEN FOUND KILLED ALONG THE RUZIZI AND LAKE KIVU AREA SINCE OCT. THEY REPORT THAT IN TWO CASES, TWO RPA SOLDIERS WERE TAKEN TO ZAIRE AND HELD, OF WHICH ONE WAS LATER FOUND DEAD FROM MACHETE WOUNDS IN THE RIVER. GATARE BURGERMEISTER REPORTS KNOWLEDGE OF AN AMBUSH ATTEMPT ON HIM THAT WAS TO OCCUR BETWEEN KIRAMBO AND GATARE, AND WAS EVIDENTLY UNCOVERED SOMEHOW BY RPA. THIS INFO WAS PRESENTED TO THE BURGERMEISTER BY THE RPA PRIOR TO A PLANNED MTG BETWEEN HIM AND MILOBS TO DISCUSS LOC SECUR SIT AND HAS NOT BEEN CHECKED AGAINST ANY OTHER SOURCE.

7. THE RPA ADMIT TO ALMOST ALL INCIDENTS OF SHOOTING PEOPLE IN

BOATS ON LAKE KIVU IN THE PAST TWO WEEKS. THEY ARE VERY VOCAL OF THE SECURITY THREAT THE WATERWAYS IMPOSE AND HAVE BEEN ISSUING STERN WARNINGS THAT ABSOLUTELY NO MOV'T ON THE LAKE WILL BE TOLERATED. THERE HAD EARLIER BEEN A CURFEW FROM 1800 HRS UNTIL DAYBREAK, BUT THAT IS NOW CANCELLED. THE RPA ACKNOWLEDGE THAT FOR THOSE PERS WISHING TO EXILE THEMSELVES OUT OF RWANDA, THEY WILL BE ALLOWED TO DO SO AS LONG AS IT IS BY LEGAL BORDER CROSSING MEANS.

8. INCIDENTS IN THE NORTH AND NORTH EAST OF 4C HAVE VARIED FROM BANDITRY (ONLY ONE KNOWN CASE INVOLVING RAPE OF ONE WOMAN) TO MURDERS OF SEVERAL PEOPLE IN A SINGLE INCIDENT. FOR BANDITRY CASES SUSPECTED AS RPA, IT WILL BE INTERESTING TO SEE IF THESE CASES DECREASE NOW THAT THE RPA HAVE BEEN PAID IN THIS AREA. MAJ KALINDI AND THE RPA LO HAVE STATED THAT THE PROCESS TO PAY (PERHAPS ALL IN RWANDA) SOLDIERS TOOK APPROXIMATELY ONE WEEK TO COMPLETE. NO DETAILS OF PAYMENT METHOD AND COORD IS AVAL, OR OF PAY SCALE AMOUNTS.

9. SOUTH WESTERN SECTOR OF 4C HAVE SEEN INCIDENTS PRIMARILY ALONG THE RUZIZI RIVER AND EXCHANGES OF SMALL ARMS FIRE BETWEEN ZAIRE SOLDIERS AND RPA IN THE AREA OF RUZIZI ONE AND THREE ONLY. RPA TROOP CONCENTRATION IS MOSTLY IN KAMEMBE TOWN AREA, GISHOMA AREA AND BUGARAMA CITY AREA. AS IS THE CASE IN THE EAST AREA OF 4C, EACH COMMUNE HAS A DETENTION HOLDING AREA, WITH A SPECIFIC COMMUNE DETENTION FACILITY DESIGNATED FOR GENOCIDE CASES. THE TWO DESIGNATED FACILITIES KNOWN IN 4C ARE LOCATED AT KIRAMBO AND MUSHAKA (GR 8308). A VISIT ACCOMPANYING THE HUMAN RIGHTS TEAM TO THE MUSHAKA CELLS WAS GRANTED, WHERE 25 PRISONNERS WERE HELD. ONLY TWO OF THESE WERE HELD FOR NON-GENOCIDE ACCUSATIONS. A TOTAL OF 19 PERSONS HAD BEEN HELD HERE FOR OVER 15 DAYS TIME, THEREFORE THERE IS NO URGENCY IN TPT THESE PRISONNERS TO CYANGUGU OR BUTARE, ETC.

10. AN OPPORTUNITY WAS NEGOTIATED TO INSPECT A PLATOON SIZE RPA ENCAMPMENT LOCATED AT NYENJI (GR 7907). IT WAS WELL ORGANIZED AND CONTAINED FIGHTING TRENCHES BEHIND EACH SHELTER HUT AND A MIN OF ONE COMD BUNKER. ALTHOUGH NO WPN OTHER THAN SMALL ARMS WERE OBSERVED, NOR AMMO PACKAGING, ETC, SEVERAL PITS WITH NO PARTICULAR ORIENTATION WERE SEEN AROUND THE EDGE OF THE BIVOUAC. AFTER SPEAKING WITH MANY LOCALS IN THE AREA, IT WAS FOUND THAT OVERALL, THE PEOPLE ARE CONTENT WITH THE PRESENCE OF THE RPA AND THE ONLY PROBLEMS THEY ARE EXPERIENCING ARE LOCAL ISSUES AS NORMAL. THEIR BIGGEST COMPLAINT IS OF NEED FOR AN ACTIVE SECTOR LEADER TO GOVERN SOME OF THESE PROBLEMS. THERE ARE NO MASS GRAVES IN THIS AREA DUE LARGELY TO THE PROXIMITY OF THE RUZIZI RIVER TO NYENJI AREA. THERE HAVE BEEN AT LEAST THREE WOMEN ARRESTED RECENTLY IN THIS SECTOR BY RPA FOR HARBOURING WEAPONS (FIREARMS AND POSSIBLY GRENADES) AND WERE TAKEN INITIALLY TO THE BIVOUAC FOR HOLDING. HOWEVER, THEY ARE NOT NOW THERE, NOR AT THE NEAREST CELLS LOCATED AT MUSHAKA.

OBSERVATIONS.

11. CRIMINAL ACTIVITY HAS INCREASED IN RECENT WEEKS. MUCH OF THIS INCREASE COULD BE DUE TO THE RECENT CLOSURES OF MANY REFUGEE CAMPS IN CYANGUGU AND SECTOR 4A. MANY PEOPLE UPON CLOSURE OF THESE CAMPS

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HAVE EITHER ESCAPED TO ZAIRE, OR HAVE RETURNED TO VARIOUS COMMUNES LOOKING FOR ACCOMODATION AND ITEMS. IT CAN BE ASSUMED THAT SOME PERS FROM THESE CAMPS WHO ARE FEARFUL OF PERSECUTION BY THE RPA HAVE COMMITTED SOME OF THESE CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES AS TRANSIENTS OR BASED FROM VARIOUS COMMUNES. RPA ARE ADAMANT THAT THEY WILL (AND HAVE) PUNISH SOLDIERS WHO HAVE COMMITTED AN OFFENCE. THERE ARE THREE TYPES OF PUNSHMENTS APPARENTLY WITHIN USE BY THE RPA: FOR MINOR OFFENCES OF THEFT, FRAUD, DISOBEDIENCE, ETC, A BEATING OR BEATING FOLLOWED BY EXPULSION FROM THE RPA. FOR OFFENCES OF MURDER, TRAITORISM OR RAPE, EXECUTION WILL BE POSSIBLE. THERE MAY BE INCIDENTS HOWEVER WHERE THE RPA PUBLICLY CLAIM NO WRONGDOING, BUT SECRETLY PUNISH OR DISCIPLINE THEIR TROOPS PRIVATELY TO ATTEMPT TO AVOID WORSENING GEN PUBLIC PERCEPTION.

12. THE CONCEPT OF INSURGENT LIKE ACTIVITY VIA BOAT FROM ZAIRE TO RWANDA AND RESULTING IN CRIMINAL ACTIVITY IN RWANDA IS POSSIBLE. MANY LOCALS ARE ADAMANT OF THE FEASIBILITY OF TAKING EVEN LARGE ITEMS SUCH AS COWS ACROSS TO ZAIRE BY BOAT. RPA ROUTINE PLAN IS TO POSN TROOPS ALONG PREDETERMINED AREAS OF THE SHORE AND FIRE VOLLEYS AT CERTIAN BEARINGS TOWARD ZAIRE. IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT ANY ONE GOING TO/FROM RWANDA BASICALLY WAIT FOR THIS ACTIVITY AND THEN CHANNEL A PATH AWAY FROM THE ARCS OF FIRE MARKED BY TRACER. MUCH OF THIS NIGHT MOVEMENT IS LIKELY NOT A MILITARY OR CRIMINAL INSURGENCY PERSAY, BUT POSSIBLY RWANDANS FLEEING TO ZAIRE ON THEIR OWN ACCORD AND REASONS (SOME MAYBE WANTED BY RPA) AND OTHERS ARE ONES RETURNING TO RWANDA TO "STEAL" MANY OF THEIR OWN BELONGINGS PREVIOUSLY LEFT BEHIND AND THEN RETURNING TO ZAIRE.

13. THE POSSIBILITY OF INTERAHAMWE AND EX-RGF ACTIVITY OCCURING IN 4C IS ESTIMATED AS HIGH. WPN AND UNIFORMS COULD HAVE INDEED BEEN EASILY LEFT BEHIND BEFORE AND DURING FRENCH OCCUPATION OF THE FORMER HPZ. THE PROXIMITY TO BOTH BURUNDI AND ZAIRE BORDERS AND THE PROCEDURE OF CROSSING AREAS OF LAKE KIVU IS LIKELY, IN REALITY, ONLY A MODERATE RISK. THE RPA SIMPLY HAVE TOO MUCH AREA TO COVER, NO REAL NI OBSN EQPT KNOWN, LITTLE TPT AND ARE UNDERMANNED FOR THE TASK. THE RPA MUST BE TAKING THIS AS A MAJOR RISK TO SECTOR SECURITY SINCE IT APPEARS THE BULK OF THEIR DEPLOYMENT IS ALONG THE LAKESHORE AREA IN THE NORTH AS WELL AS THE BORDER AREAS IN THE SOUTH AND SOUTHWEST. A CONCEPT OF CREATING FURTHER INSTABILITY BY DONNING A PIECE OF UNIFORM AND COMMITTING A CRIME, OR EVEN SIMPLY ENSURING TO BE SEEN IN THIS MILITARY CLOTHING DURING AN ATTEMPTED CRIME, IS PLAUSIBLE AND AND WOULD BE EFFECTIVE.

14. SOME CRIMES AND KILLINGS CAN BE ASSUMED RPA, OTHERS HAVE BEEN ADMITTED BY RPA AND PUNISHMENTS HAVE BEEN ACTIONED. THE KILLING OF LARGE NUMBERS OF PERSONS IN A SINGLE INCIDENT, SUCH AS THE 13 KILLED AT KARAMA IN NOV, AND SOME INVOLVING PERSONS ON THE WATER AT NIGHT, ARE AT LEAST SIGNS OF PROBLEMS IN COMD AND CONTROL AT THE LOCAL LEVEL. ALTHOUGH THE RPA HAVE DECREED ABSOLUTELY NO MOVT TO BE TOLERATED ON THE WATER, THERE ARE PERHAPS MORE PROBLEMS BECAUSE OF IT. IN AT LEAST ONE REPORTED CASE, RPA ALLOWED CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS TO FISH AT NIGHT UNDER DIRECT SUPERVISION, WHICH CONTRADICTS THIER OWN STRICT POLICY. PEOPLE NEEDING TO FISH FOR FOOD AND MONEY HAVE A NEED TO CONTINUE AND ARE AT RISK OF EITHER

BEING SHOT, ARRESTED, OR THE BOAT CONFISCATED. ANALYSING THE INCIDENTS, THERE IS A TREND OF LESS AND LESS FLEXIBILITY IN THIS POLICY AND INCIDENTS OF WHAT SEEM LIKE EXTREMELY RASH OR CARELESS DECISIONS TO FIRE ON BOATS IN THE WATER. GROUPS OF PEOPLE ARE EXECUTED IN AN EXTRAJUDICIAL MANNER AS SUSPECTED INTERAHAMWE, YET CLOTHING AND AMMO IS SELDOM FOUND OR SEIZED AS EVIDENCE IN THESE CASES. EXPLANATIONS OF JUSTIFICATION OF THESE ACTIONS CAN BE INTERESTING.

COMMENT

15. SECTOR 4C IS LESS STABLE THAN ONE MONTH AGO. INSTABILITY OF THE POPULACE CAN LIKELY BE ATTRIBUTED TO POOR DECISIONS AND ACTIONS AT A SECTION OR PLATOON LEVEL BY THE RPA, AND BY SOME INSURGENT ACTIVITY BOTH MILITARY IN NATURE AND BANDITRY BY DISPLACED PERS, EX-RGF AND INTERAHAMWE. THERE IS AN HONEST INTENT OBSERVED BY MANY JR AND SR OFFR OF THE RPA IN 4C TO BE A PROFESSIONAL ARMY AND EFFECTIVE IN GOVERNMENT. THE PREFET OF CYANGUGU IS EXTREMELY PROACTIVE AND VERY CONSCIENTIOUS IN HIS POSN, AND MOST IMPORTANTLY ACTS AS A LEADER. THERE IS A REAL THREAT ASSUMED OF INSURGENTS OPERATING IN SECTOR 4C, PLUS THE RUMOURED THREAT OF SOME KIND OF ACTION BY EX FORCES TO CONDUCT SOME FORM OF OFFENSIVE OPERATION BY THE NEW YEAR. WITH PERHAPS WORSENING COMD AND CONTROL AT A LOCAL LEVEL DEEP IN THE COMMUNES AT NIGHT, THE SITUATION COULD VERY WELL WORSEN SLIGHTLY IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS.

16. IT HAS BEEN DISCUSSED WITH LOC RPA COMD AND HAS BEEN AGREED THAT UNAMIR COULD HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO INTERVIEW SUSPECTED OR SELF-PROCLAIMED RGF AND INTERAHAMWE PRISONERS IF DESIRED. THIS OPPORTUNITY SHOULD BE SEIZED, AND CAN BE COORD THROUGH MILOB HQ SECTOR 4C CONTACTS WITH RPA COMDS.

17. UNAMIR ARMED PRESENCE COULD BE INCREASED IN THE NORTH OF SECTOR 4C TO ASSIST IN THE INCREASE IN STABILITY AMONG THE POPULACE IN THE AREA. INCREASED NERVOUS TENSION IN SOLDIERS, INCREASED ACTS OF CRIME BY PROBABLE ANTI-GOVT GROUPS, ALL COMPOUNDED WITH INCREASE IN POPULATION FROM CAMP CLOSURES AND REPATRIATION, COULD VERY MUCH INCREASE SECURITY RISK TO UN AND NGO AGENCIES, THEREFORE BECOMING A POSSIBLE TARGET TO BOTH RPA AND OTHER ARMED INDIVIDUALS. IF THE ASSESSMENT OF EFFICIENCY OF GOVT AND RPA JR AND SR OFFICERS IS ACCURATE, INCREASED UNAMIR PRESENCE WOULD ASSIST IN CONTROL OF INSURGENT ACTIVITY AND ASSIST THE RPA AND GOVT TO TIGHTEN ITS CONTROL OF LOCAL MILITARY ACTIONS. THIS COOPERATION MAY ALSO INCREASE FLEXIBILITY TO CURRENT POLICIES, YET MAINTAIN THE AIM OF THE ASSISTANCE MISSION.

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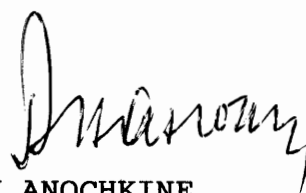
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SUBJECT: WEEKLY SRSG RETURNS ON ACTIVITIES IN SECTOR 6 FOR THE PERIOD 6 - 12 DEC 94

1. Attached are the above returns received from Sector 6 for the period 6- 12 Dec 94.
2. Please accept for action.

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KIGALI MILOB SECTOR HEADQUARTERS

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DATE : 12 DEC 94

TO : MILOB GP HQ (OPS BR)

REF : PLANS 50/94

FROM : KIGALI SECTOR MILOB HQ (OPS BR)

SUBJECT : WEEKLY SRSG RETURN ON ACTIVITIES IN SECTOR 6 (KIGALI).

1. MILOBS ACTIVITIES IN KIGALI CITY SINCE 06 DEC TILL 12 DEC 94.

DURING THE LAST WEEK THE MAIN EFFORTS OF THIS SECTOR WERE APPLIED ON COLLECTING AS MUCH INFORMATION ABOUT THE SITUATION IN COMMUNE NYARUGENGE AS POSSIBLE, TO MAKE A GENERAL PICTURE ABOUT THE SITUATION IN THAT COMMUNE. IT SHOULD BE POINTED OUT THAT THIS WORK WAS STARTED BY THE SECTOR'S MILOBS SOME TIME EARLIER AND SOME INFORMATION WAS TRANSFERRED TO YOU IN THE PREVIOUS REPORT. TO ACCOMPLISH THIS TASK SEVERAL PATROL MSNS WERE EXECUTED BY THE MILOBS AS A RESULT OF WHICH THIS SECTOR HQ HAS RECEIVED DETAILED INFO FROM ALL THE SECTORS OF THE COMMUNE, SUPPORTED BY THE AUTHORITIES IN CHARGE OF EVERY OF THE DESCRIBED BELOW SECTORS. IN THIS REPORT FIND PLEASE INFO ABOUT THE SITUATION IN THE LAST 5 SECTORS WHICH, IF COMBINED WITH THE INFO GIVEN IN REPORT KMS/1400/OPS DATED 05 DEC 94, WILL CREATE THE FULL PICTURE OF THE SITUATION IN THE COMMUNE.

2. SITUATION IN COMMUNE NYARUGENGE.

a. SECTOR NYAKAGANDA.

SECTOR COORDINATOR OF THE SECTOR IS MR. SENVAARA JOHN.
THERE USED TO BE 20,000 RESIDENTS BEFORE THE WAR AND AT PRESENT THE POPULATION OF THE SECTOR AMOUNTS TO ABOUT 20,000 PEOPLE. 10,000 OF THE PEOPLE RESIDING THE AREA WERE DISPLACED AND NOW RETURNED BACK HOME.

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ONE OF THE BIG PROBLEMS WHICH THESE PEOPLE FACE NOW IS SHARING THE HOUSES WITH THE NEW COMERS WHO CAME AFTER THE WAR EARLIER AND OCCUPIED THE HOUSES OF THE ORIGINAL OWNERS. THESE NEW OWNERS SHOW NO WILL TO LEAVE THE PLACE. AT PRESENT ABOUT 50 FAMILIES DON'T HAVE ANY SHELTER DUE TO THIS REASON.

ANOTHER BIG PROBLEM IN THE AREA IS FOOD SUPPLY AS ABOUT 90 % OF THE PEOPLE ARE POOR. MOST OF THE POPULATION IS SUFFERING FROM HUNGER.

WATER AND ELECTRICITY ARE COMING TO THE HOUSES ONLY IN FEW PLACES OF THE SECTOR AS MOST OF ITS TERRITORY NEVER HAD WATER SUPPLY AND POWER SUPPLY SYSTEMS.

THERE IS ONLY ONE SMALL CLINIC IN THE AREA WHICH IS FUNCTIONING WITH THE SUPPORT OF WORLD VISION. BUT THE FACILITIES OF IT DOESN'T MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE POPULATION.

THERE ARE 3 PRIMARY AND ONE SECONDARY SCHOOLS BUT THEY ALL DON'T HAVE SUFFICIENT EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS.

THERE IS AN ORPHANAGE IN THE SECTOR WHERE ABOUT 120 CHILDREN ARE STAYING AT PRESENT. THE ORPHANAGE IS MANAGED BY A LOCAL MAN GISIMBA AND RECEIVE ASSISTANCE OF RED CROSS.

SECURITY IS ENSURED BY RPA UNIT DEPLOYED IN THE CAMP ON MOUNT KIGALI AND GENDARMERIE, THE CAMP OF WHICH IS LOCATED IN NYAMIRAMBO.

THERE ARE PROBABLY SOME UNEXPLODED MUNITIONS SPREAD IN DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE SECTOR AS ON THE DATE OF REPORTS SOME GRENADES HAVE BEEN COLLECTED IN THE TERRITORY OF CLINIC.

b. SECTOR KIMISAGARA.

SECTOR COORDINATOR MS. JOSEPHINE MUGWANZA.

APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF THE PEOPLE RESIDING IN THE SECTOR IS 5000, INCLUDING 400 FAMILIES, THAT IS ABOUT 2000 PEOPLE, WHO SETTLED IN THE SECTOR AFTER THE WAR.

AT PRESENT THERE IS NO PROBLEM WITH THE SHELTER BUT THE AUTHORITIES EXPECT THAT WITH THE RETURN OF THE ORIGINAL OWNERS OF THE HOUSES SUCH A PROBLEM WILL APPEAR AND THE PRESENT INHABITANTS WILL BE FORCED TO LOOK FOR ANOTHER ACCOMMODATION.

PEOPLE DO NOT HAVE PROBLEMS WITH ELECTRICITY SUPPLY. ONLY THOSE HOUSES THE OWNERS OF WHICH DO NOT PAY FOR THE POWER ARE NOT ILLUMINATED.

WATER IS GIVEN TO THE HOUSES ALL OVER THE AREA EXCEPT IN CELLULE KAMUHOZA TO ZONE KATABARE AS TWO PUMPS ARE OUT OF ORDER. ABOUT 1500 RESIDENTS ARE AFFECTED BY THIS SITUATION.

THERE IS NEITHER ORPHANAGE IN THE SECTOR NOR ORPHANS.

THERE ARE THREE PUBLIC PRIMARY SCHOOLS IN THE SECTOR.

THERE IS NO GOVERNMENT MEDICAL CENTRES IN THE AREA BUT

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THEY HAVE SOME PRIVATE CLINICS. MOST OF THE PEOPLE TURN TO MUHIMA CLINIC, RUN BY MSF OR TO KIGALI CENTRAL HOSPITAL.

THERE IS NO PROBLEM WITH FOOD SUPPLY AS THE MAJORITY OF THE POPULATION WORKS.

THERE IS A CERTAIN THREAT OF AVAILABILITY OF MINES IN CELLULE KIMISAGA , ZONE NYAMABAGE - THAT IS THE PLACE LOCATED CLOSE TO GITARAMA AND BYUMBA ROAD JUNCTION. THE AUTHORITIES PROMISED THE MILOBS TO SHOW THE EXACT PLACE WHERE PEOPLE ARE AFRAID OF MINES.

THE SECURITY OF THE AREA IS ENSURED BY TWO GENDARMERIE BRIGADES DEPLOYED IN MUHIMA AND NYAGARAMA WHICH SEND THEIR REGULAR PATROLS TO THE SECTOR.

c. SECTOR BILYOGO.

SECTOR COORDINATOR MR. NGABO FIDEL.

APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF POPULATION OF THE SECTOR IS 9000 PEOPLE INCLUDING ABOUT 3000 PEOPLE WHO WERE DISPLACED DURING THE WAR AND NOW RETURNED TO THEIR HOMES. AT PRESENT ABOUT 20 % OF RETURNERS DO NOT HAVE ACCOMMODATION.

WATER SUPPLY IS AVAILABLE BUT SOME OF THE TUBES ARE NEED TO BE REPAIRED AS DUE TO THE LEAKAGE SOME PARTS OF THE SECTOR DO NOT HAVE WATER.

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY IS ALSO AVAILABLE BUT SOME LINES ARE CUT OFF AND IN OTHER PARTS OF THE SECTOR THE POWER IS GIVEN WITH FREQUENT INTERRUPTIONS. IN SOME PLACES THE ELECTRICITY CABLE IS LYING ON THE GROUND.

THERE ARE ONE GOVERNMENT AND ONE PRIVATE CLINIC AND A CATHOLIC CHURCH DISPENSARY AVAILABLE IN THE AREA. HOWEVER THE PATIENTS WITH SERIOUS CASES ARE TAKEN TO CENTRAL HOSPITAL.

THERE ARE TWO GOVERNMENT (ONE PRIMARY AND ONE SECONDARY) AND ONE PRIVATE PRIMARY SCHOOLS IN THE SECTOR. TECHNICAL SCHOOL TO IMPART SOME TECHNICAL KNOWLEDGE IS ALSO AVAILABLE AND FUNCTION.

THE AUTHORITIES COMPLAINED THAT THE POPULATION FACES A SERIOUS PROBLEM WITH FOOD SUPPLY AND NUTRITION AS ABOUT 50 % OF THE RESIDENTS ARE JOBLESS.

THERE IS NO ORPHANAGE IN THE SECTOR.

THERE IS NO ACCIDENT DUE TO MINE OR ANOTHER AMMUNITION EXPLOSION REGISTERED IN THE AREA. HOWEVER ONE GRENADE WAS EXTRACTED FORM ONE HOUSE LAST MONTH.

SECURITY OF THE AREA IS ENSURED BY NYAMIRAMBO BRIGADE WHICH CARRIES OUT REGULAR NIGHT PATROLS.

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d. SECTOR NYARUGENGE.

SECTOR COORDINATOR MR. KENNEDY NDARHIRO AND HIS ASSISTANT MS. NOELINE MUKARUGANBUA.

THE POPULATION OF THE SECTOR AMOUNTS TO ABOUT 3500 PEOPLE. 80 % OF THE POPULATION WAS DISPLACED AND PEOPLE RETURNED BACK TO THEIR HOUSES. ACCORDING TO THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE RESIDING THE AREA IS SLOWLY DECREASING AS PEOPLE ARE RENTING THEIR HOUSES TO UN/NGOS WHICH PREFER TO HAVE THEIR OFFICES IN THE CENTRE OF THE CITY.

THERE IS NO PROBLEM WITH ELECTRICITY AND WATER SUPPLY IN THE SECTOR BUT THE FACE A BIG PROBLEM WITH THE SEWAGE AS THE DRAIN SYSTEM IN MANY PARTS OF THE AREA IS BLOCKED. THIS IS ONE OF THE REASON WHY THE STREETS OF THE CENTRE OF THE CITY ARE NARROWED BY THE SOIL WASHOUT OUT BY RAINS.

THE POPULATION DOESN'T HAVE ANY PROBLEM WITH FOOD SUPPLY AS STANDARD OF LIVING OF THOSE WHO RESIDE IN THE AREA ALLOWS THEM TO LEAD A WELL-PROVIDED LIFE.

THERE ARE 4 PRIMARY SCHOOLS : 3 PRIVATE AND ONE GOVERNMENT BUT 3 OF THEM ARE STILL CLOSED. THERE ARE ALSO 4 SECONDARY

SCHOOLS : TWO GOVERNMENT AND TWO PRIVATE, AS WELL AS 4 NURSERY SCHOOLS : 3 PRIVATE AND ONE GOVERNMENT AMONG WHICH ONLY ONE IS OPEN.

KIGALI CENTRAL HOSPITAL IS LOCATED IN THE SECTOR. THERE IS ALSO A PRIVATE CLINIC.

SECURITY IS ENSURED BY GENDARMERIE BRIGADE DEPLOYED IN MAHOMET WHICH CARRIES OUT REGULAR PATROLS.

THERE IS NO MINES IN THE AREA.

A BIG NUMBER OF UN/NGOS ARE HAVING THEIR HAS IN THE SECTOR, SOME OF THEM OPERATE IN THE AREA. FOR INSTANCE ADA IS OPERATING AT THE HOSPITAL. CARATS PROVIDES FOOD MEDICINE. THERE ARE ALSO CARE, FOOD FOR THE HUNGRY ICRC, UNHCR AND SO ON.

e. SECTOR NYAMIRAMBO.

SECTOR COORDINATOR MR. RUTEBANA LOUIS AND HIS ASSISTANT MRS. BETTY MABENGEZA.

THERE IS NO INFO ABOUT THE NUMBER OF THE RESIDENTS IN THE SECTOR DUE TO THE ABSENCE OF ANY REGISTER. THERE IS ALSO A CERTAIN NUMBER OF DISPLACED PEOPLE WHO CAME BACK TO THEIR HOMES BUT THE AUTHORITIES DIDN'T GIVE ANY FIGURES ABOUT IT EITHER.

ONE OF THE BIGGEST PROBLEM OF THE SECTOR IS ACCOMMODATION FOR THOSE WHO RETURNED BACK AFTER SOME TIME BEING DISPLACED

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AND THOSE, WHO ARRIVED BEFORE THEM JUST AFTER THE WAR FROM THE NEIGHBOURING COUNTRIES. NOW A HALF OF THE POPULATION OF THE SECTOR FACE THE PROBLEM OF SHARING THE SAME HOUSES. THE FORMER DISPLACED PEOPLE REVEALED THEIR HOUSES OCCUPIED BY STRANGERS WHO HAVE NO WILL TO LEAVE THEM.

THERE IS NO ORPHANAGE IN THE SECTOR HOWEVER SOME OF THE CHILDREN WHO LOST THEIR PARENTS WERE SENT TO KIGALI ORPHANAGE WHICH IS LOCATED IN KACYIRU AND OTHERS ARE LIVING WITH THEIR RELATIVES.

THE AREA IS PROVIDED BY WATER THROUGH CITY WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM BUT IN MANY PLACES PEOPLE DO NOT RECEIVE WATER AT ALL OR IT COMES NOT CONSTANTLY AS TUBES NEED TO BE PLUMBED.

ELECTRICITY COME ONLY TO ONE THIRD OF THE HOUSES AND THE OTHER TWO THIRDS REMAIN IN DARKNESS AS THE LINES WERE CUT OFF DURING THE WAR AND HAVEN'T BEEN REPAIRED YET. HOWEVER ELECTROGAZ HAS ALREADY STARTED RESTORING THEM.

THERE IS NO GOVERNMENT HOSPITAL IN THE AREA AND MOST OF THE PATIENTS TURN TO KIGALI CENTAL HOSPITAL, ALTHOUGH THERE IS A PRIVATE CLINIC.

THERE ARE ONLY TWO GOVERNMENT PRIMARY SCHOOLS IN THE AREA WHICH CAN NOT MEET THE DEMAND OF A BIG NUMBER OF CHILDREN HAVING SCHOOL AGE. TWO SECONDARY SCHOOLS (ONE GOVERNMENT AND ANOTHER PRIVATE) ARE STILL CLOSED AS BOTH OF THEM NEED TO BE REPAIRED FIRST.

ANOTHER BIG PROBLEM OF THE AREA IS FEEDING THE PEOPLE AS MOST OF THE POPULATION IS POOR AND DOESN'T HAVE ANY JOB.

THERE IS NO NGO WORKING IN THE AREA.

ON 9 DEC 94 THERE WAS A CASE OF MINE EXPLOSION WHEN A PEDESTRIAN PASSING BY AN EXPLODED HOUSE STEPPED ON A MINE. IT HAPPENED JUST FEW MEETERS FROM SECTOR'S OFFICE. AFTER THIS CASE THE AUTHORITIES OF THE SECTOR REQUESTED CANADIAN ENGINEERS TO CARRY OUT MINE CLEANING EXERCISE BUT NO MINES WERE DETECTED IN THAT PLACE ANY MORE.

SECURITY OF THE AREA IS ENSURED BY GENDARMERIE POST DEPLOYED ON THE TERRITORY OF THE SECTOR.



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